



DATE: December 17, 2015

AGENDA ITEM # 2

TO: Bicycle/Pedestrian Advisory Commission

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SUBJECT: Active Transportation Project Phasing

RECOMMENDATION:

Receive and discuss proposed phasing of Active Transportation projects

BACKGROUND

At the May 12, 2015, staff presented the BPAC recommended projects for submission for the Cycle 2 Active Transportation Program (ATP) Grant. In summary, these projects and locations are:

In the north region, the following improvements are being proposed:

- Gardner Bullis Elementary
 - Study potential marked crosswalk including enhancements at University Avenue at Burke Road
 - Study potential marked crosswalk including enhancements at University Avenue at Edith Avenue
 - Study potential marked crosswalk including enhancements at University Avenue at Lincoln
- Santa Rita Elementary
 - Install Rectangular Rapid Flashing Beacon (RRFB) at Los Altos Avenue school lot entrance
 - Consider a Bicycle Boulevard on Santa Rita Avenue
 - Enhance crosswalk at Los Altos Avenue and W. Portola Avenue and add tactile domes at the pedestrian ramps.
- Egan Junior High
 - San Antonio Road at Portola Avenue Traffic Study (sidewalk widening, traffic phasing, increased pedestrian refuge for queuing)

Proposed improvements in the central region include:

- Almond Elementary
 - El Monte Avenue sidewalk gap closure (Edith Avenue to Almond Avenue)

- Springer Rd at El Monte Avenue intersection reconfiguration study (also affects Springer Elementary school)
- Covington Elementary
 - El Monte Avenue repair and expand sidewalk (Foothill Expressway to Cuesta Drive)
- Springer Elementary
 - Covington Rd at Riverside Avenue pedestrian improvements-refuge island or bulb-outs

Proposed improvements in the southern region include:

- Loyola Elementary
 - Pedestrian improvements at Springer Road and Fremont Avenue
- Blach Intermediate School
 - Install RRFB at Miramonte Avenue at Berry Avenue
- Oak Elementary School
 - Install RRFB at Fremont Avenue at Truman Avenue
- Montclair Elementary School
 - Install speed feedback sign on Arboretum near Farm Road
 - Pedestrian improvements at Grant Road at Morton Avenue (yellow crosswalks, ADA ramps at northeast and southwest corners)

These projects were identified by staff and the BPAC and include projects from the Pedestrian Master Plan (PMP) High Priority list and school related improvements identified in Appendix E of the PMP. Along with the High Priority list, the BPAC strived to maintain geographic equity in selecting these projects.

Unfortunately, the City of Los Altos and many other agencies in the Bay Area were not selected to receive ATP grant funds and are forced to explore other means of funding these projects.

DISCUSSION

Staff and the BPAC have been requested to evaluate phasing these projects over the next few years for implementation. Some projects may be relatively straight forward and can be designed and constructed within the same year, while others may need public outreach and involved commission participation prior to full design and construction.

Staff and the BPAC chair developed a draft project phasing over three years that took into account geographic equity, public involvement and consistent funding amounts over this time period. Note, a project's funding becomes available in the year it is designated; thus any outreach, design, or construction can't start until that year. Below is the draft project phasing by year:

- Year 1
 - San Antonio Road at Portola Avenue Traffic Study (sidewalk widening, traffic phasing, increased pedestrian refuge for queueing)
 - Study potential marked crosswalk including enhancements at University Avenue at Edith Avenue



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- Study potential marked crosswalk including enhancements at University Avenue at Lincoln
- Install RRFB at Miramonte Avenue at Berry Avenue
- Install RRFB at Fremont Avenue at Truman Avenue

- Year 2
 - San Antonio Road at Portola Avenue Traffic Study related construction
 - Install speed feedback sign on Arboretum near Farm Road
 - El Monte Avenue sidewalk gap closure (Edith Avenue to Almond Avenue)

- Year 3
 - Install Rectangular Rapid Flashing Beacon (RRFB) at Los Altos Avenue school lot entrance
 - Consider a Bicycle Boulevard on Santa Rita Avenue
 - Enhance crosswalk at Los Altos Avenue and W. Portola Avenue and add tactile domes at the pedestrian ramps.
 - El Monte Avenue repair and expand sidewalk (Foothill Expressway to Cuesta Drive)
 - Covington Rd at Riverside Avenue pedestrian improvements-refuge island or bulb-outs
 - Pedestrian improvements at Springer Road and Fremont Avenue
 - Install speed feedback sign on Arboretum near Farm Road
 - Pedestrian improvements at Grant Road at Morton Avenue (yellow crosswalks)

Staff requests that the BPAC review this draft phasing and provide any comments on improving the structure or make recommendations for adjusting project eligibility years.